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### Form 8038-GC

(Rev. November 2000)

# Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases, and Installment Sales

► Under Internal Revenue Code section 149(e)

OMB No. 1545-0720

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Caution: Use Form 8038-G if the issue price of the issue is \$100,000 or more.

Pai	rt I	Reporting Authority	Check box if <b>Amended Return</b> ►
1	Issuer'	's name	2 Issuer's employer identification number
3	Numbe	er and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite
4	City, to	own, or post office, state, and ZIP code	5 Report number GC-5
6	Name	and title of officer or legal representative whom the IRS may call for more information	
Pai	t II	Description of Obligations (Check if reporting: a single if	issue $\square$ or on a consolidated basis $\square$ .)
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Ple Sig He		Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompand belief, they are true, correct, and complete.  Issuer's authorized representative  Date	panying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge  Type or print name and title

#### **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### Purpose of Form

Form 8038-GC is used by the issuers of tax-exempt governmental obligations to provide the IRS with the information required by section 149(e) and to monitor the requirements of sections 141 through 150.

#### Who Must File

Issuers of tax-exempt governmental obligations with issue prices of less than \$100,000 must file Form 8038-GC.

Issuers of a tax-exempt governmental obligation with an issue price of \$100,000 or more must file **Form 8038-G**, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations.

Filing a separate return. Issuers have the option to file a separate Form 8038-GC for any tax-exempt governmental obligation with an issue price of less than \$100,000.

An issuer of a tax-exempt bond used to finance construction expenditures must file a separate Form 8038-GC for each issue to give notice to the IRS that an election was made to pay a penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate (see the line 12 instructions).

Filing a consolidated return. For all tax-exempt governmental obligations with issue prices of less than \$100,000 that are not reported on a separate Form 8038-GC, an issuer must file a consolidated information return including all such issues issued within the calendar year.

Thus, an issuer may file a separate Form 8038-GC for each of a number of small issues and report the remainder of small issues issued during the calendar year on one consolidated Form 8038-GC. However, a separate Form 8038-GC must be filed to give the IRS notice of the election to pay a penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate.

#### When To File

To file a **separate return**, file Form 8038-GC on or before the 15th day of the second calendar month after the close of the calendar quarter in which the issue is issued.

To file a **consolidated return**, file Form 8038-GC on or before February 15th of the calendar year following the year in which the issue is issued.

Late filing. An issuer may be granted an extension of time to file Form 8038-GC under Section 3 of Rev. Proc. 88-10, 1988-1 C.B. 635, if it is determined that the failure to file on time is not due to willful neglect. Type or print at the top of the form, "This Statement Is Submitted in Accordance with Rev. Proc. 88-10." Attach to the Form 8038-GC a letter briefly stating why the form was not submitted to the IRS on time. Also indicate whether the obligation in question is under examination by the IRS. Do not submit copies of any bond documents, leases, or installment sale documents.

#### Where To File

File Form 8038-GC with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Ogden, UT 84201.

#### Other Forms That May Be Required

For rebating arbitrage (or paying a penalty in lieu of arbitrage rebate) to the Federal government, use Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate. For private activity bonds, use Form 8038, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bond Issues.

#### Rounding to Whole Dollars

You may show the money items on this return as whole-dollar amounts. To do so, drop any amount less than 50 cents and increase any amount from 50 cents through 99 cents to the next higher dollar.

#### Definitions

**Obligations.** This refers to a single tax-exempt governmental obligation if Form 8038-GC is used for separate reporting or to multiple tax-exempt governmental obligations if the form is used for consolidated reporting.

**Tax-exempt obligation**. This is a bond, installment purchase agreement, or financial lease, on which the interest is excluded from income under section 103.

Tax-exempt governmental obligation. A tax-exempt obligation that is not a private activity bond (see below) is a tax-exempt governmental obligation. This includes a bond issued by a qualified volunteer fire department under section 150(e).

**Private activity bond.** This includes an obligation issued as part of an issue in which:

 More than 10% of the proceeds are to be used for any private activity business use, and